

Given *Who's Who* or an encyclopedia as a reference, the reader selects the most appropriate author for a certain purpose.

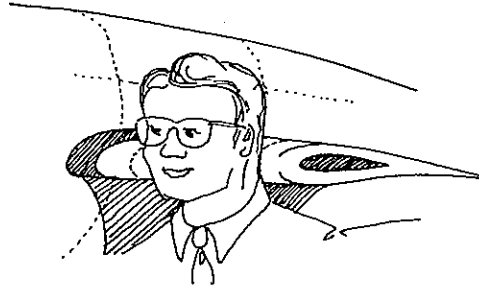
UNIT 2
Lesson 1
Critical Reading

TECHNICAL TALK

Who's Who in America is a book you can find in most libraries. Each edition lists famous living people and information about them. If you hear the name of someone who seems to be famous, you can use *Who's Who* to find out about him or her. For example, if you want to find out about a well-known author, look for his or her name in *Who's Who*.

WHO KNOWS ABOUT PLANES?

Here are two listings like some in *Who's Who in America*. Which person would you choose as an author to write about airplanes?



JACKSON, DWIGHT, army officer, engineer; b. Springfield, Mass., June 19, 1784; attended Hanston College; leader in development of fast ships; commanded exploring groups, eastern New Mexico, 1818; best known for work on sailing ship design. Died, Boston, March 21, 1869.

GILMAN, EDGAR, engineer, aircraft designer; b. Chicago, Ill. July 1, 1900; attended University of Chicago; entered design work with Hansen Aircraft, 1927; became chief design engineer, 1939; leader in design of new airfoils during World War II; retired 1965. Died, Langston, Tex., 1973.

I would choose _____

REVIEW

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If you picked Edgar Gilman you are right. Edgar Gilman was not a real person, but anyone with his experience would have been an expert on airplanes. When did Dwight Jackson die? In the last line of the statement about him it says he died in 1869. That was before airplanes were invented, so he could not have written about them.

EXPERT EXPLORERS

For this activity, you will need a copy of *Who's Who in America: The Historical Volume 1608-1896*. If you cannot find this book, try a good encyclopedia. You can find the information you need for the activity in the encyclopedia, too, though it will take a little longer.

Look up the name of each person in the following list. Find the two people who could write about exploring the early West. Write their names on the lines below.

Samuel Colt
John Jacob Astor
Frederick Douglass
John Colter

These are the two experts I picked:

1. _____
2. _____



You will need an encyclopedia for this activity.

- (a) Maria Callas
- (b) Al Capp
- (c) William Kidd
- (d) Lewis Carroll
- (e) Shirley Chisholm
- (f) Samuel Morse
- (g) John Muir

Which one of the persons listed above would be expert in:

- ___ 1. Paintings
- ___ 2. Children's Books
- ___ 3. Opera
- ___ 4. Cartoons
- ___ 5. Politics
- ___ 6. Pirates
- ___ 7. Conservation

HOW DID YOU DO?

